

## Railroad Retirement Board Reminders for 2005

<b>2005 Tier I Earnings Base and Tax Rate</b>		
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\$90,000.00	-	Annual Maximum
6.20%	-	Employee and Employer Tax Base
\$5,580.00	-	Maximum Employee and Employer Tax

<b>2005 Tier II Earnings Base and Tax Rates</b>		
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\$66,900.00	-	Annual Maximum
4.40%	-	Employee Tax Rate
\$2,943.60	-	Maximum Employee Tax
12.60%	-	Employer Tax Rate
\$8,429.40	-	Maximum Employer Tax

<b>2005 Medicare Hospital Insurance Earnings Base and Tax Rate</b>		
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Annual Maximum	-	No Limit
1.45%	-	Employee and Employer Tax Rate

<b>Total Tier I, Tier II, &amp; Medicare Hospital Insurance Maximum Tax Based on Earnings of \$90,000.00</b>		
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Employees	-	\$9,828.60
Employers	-	\$15,314.40

(Additional Taxes are 1.45% of Earnings in Excess of \$90,000.00)

<b>Amount Needed for Quarter of Social Security Coverage</b>	
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\$920.00 in 2005 (Up to 4)

<b>2005 Employer RUIA Tax Rate</b>		
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2.15%	-	12% On First \$1,150.00 Per Month
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<b>Employee RUIA 2004 Qualifying Earnings</b>		
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\$2,825.00	-	For Benefit Year 2005 ( Beginning July 1, 2005)
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<b>RUIA Daily Benefit Rate</b>		
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\$56.00	-	For Benefit Year 2005 (Beginning July 1, 2005)
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<b>Work Deduction Exempt Amounts</b>		
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- Full Retirement Age (FRA)  
(for months prior to FRA in calendar Year )  
Annual - \$31,800.00  
Monthly - \$2,650.00  
(\$1.00 Deduction for Each \$3.00 of Excess Earnings)
- Under FRA  
Annual - \$12,000.00  
Monthly - \$1,000.00  
(\$1.00 Deduction for Each \$2.00 of Excess Earnings)

<b>Basic Medicare Premium</b>		
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\$78.20

<b>Cost-Of-Living Increase, December 2004</b>		
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Tier I	-	2.7%
Tier II	-	0.9%